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T-t-t-toxic dip

At least one person was not afraid of the sludge and toxic sewage that lurked on the bottom of Nickel beach lagoon just beyond the Inco plant which belches chemicals into Lake Erie. As the final episode of Wintercourse '89 about nine students headed (some literally) to the Polar Dip festivities in Port Colborne. Forced to jump in the lagoon because of offshore ice on the lake, the group was more concerned about the quality of the water than the bone-chilling temperatures of the pool. For further coverage of Wintercourse and the Dip, see pages 6 and 7. Photo by Elaine Wilson

No pay cuts for SAC

SAC has approved an increase of $50 for its president and $20 for other members of the executive despite an attempt by one member to eliminate all honorariums.

The increases were approved at the Jan. 30 meeting of the Student Administrative Council. Honorariums now are $200 a month.

However, at this week's meeting, Chris Naughton, vice-president of finance, proposed that honorariums be eliminated and a $600 loan be available if members of the executive needed it. It would be paid back "when they cease to be classified as students."

Both motions were defeated.

Chris said he made his proposal because he felt more work would get done and there would be more co-operation among members if there were no honorariums.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, told the meeting he would be happy if honorariums were raised by just $1. It was "the principle" he was concerned about.

"I do more work than $200 worth," Randy said. He described Niagara as the only college in Ontario where the president receives the same honorarium as the other members.

First aid training gets health care priority

The college is continuing its first aid training sessions to train staff and faculty for medical emergencies.

"We are in the process of training staff to give first aid," Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said. "About 10 or 11 people have already signed up for the Feb. 26-27 session."

There are a number of first aid stations throughout the college.

"We have Health Centre as the primary first aid centre with first aid posts in Hennepin Hall, Merritt and the second floor of the Simcoe building, as well as posts at the satellite campuses."

It was decided that first aid training would be the vehicle which helps provide the college with health care, after financial deficit forced the Board of Governors to eliminate a full-time nursing position at the Health Centre.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said in an interview in mid-January that, according to the Workers' Compensation Board, law does not bind the college to have a nurse on campus, but individuals trained in first aid must be made available in case of emergencies.

First aid kits are available at all the designated stations; stretchers are available at a few other stations, but the college is only "obliged to have a stretcher at the primary one," Mrs. Ferguson said.

"Certificates of those holding first aid skills will be posted alongside the kits, in accordance with Workers' Compensation Board regulations."

The first aid kits, checked a minimum of every three months, are monitored and maintained by designated individuals at each station.

"Someone in each area has been designated as being responsible to check each kit's contents. They call me for replenishments."

The college pays for all materials in the kits.

She said that those trained in first aid would minister to medical needs "just as a nurse would."

"Normally, if a person requires more treatment, the college would call an ambulance or a taxi to get the person to the hospital. It's the same procedure a nurse would use."

Council agrees to eliminate athletic executive position

The Student Administrative Council voted Monday to eliminate the position of vice-president of athletics.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, said Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of the athletics department, was only worried that there would not be a sports-minded person on the executive.

Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, handed each member of the council a letter stating the "reasons why we shouldn't eliminate the above position."

Her letter also argued that a number of people have always vied for the position during elections.

She disagreed with Randy's comment about Mr. Rylander. "I also spoke to Mr. Rylander and Miss (Judy) Halaiko and that's not the impression I got," she said.

NIAGARA ALONE

When Randy first brought up the topic of eliminating the position, one reason he gave was that Niagara was the only college in Ontario to have a vice-president of athletics on its council.

"Other colleges have no vice-president of athletics because they have athletic councils," Julie said. Therefore, there are more people representing the athletic population of the school; she cited St. Clair as an example.

The main reason the position was created 10 years ago was that the athletic department had difficulty getting its allotment and wanted someone as liaison between SAC and the department to get the money; and now that the athletic department has its own funding, "It's no longer needed," Elaine Wilson, group representative, said.

$1.3 million deficit

Layoffs, cuts reduce deficit by $1 M

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

The college has quietly reduced its deficit by $1 million.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said the money, used to help retire the deficit, came from savings resulting in program cuts and job layoffs; but the remaining debt looms over the college and the Board of Governors is trying eradicate it.

"It is going to take time," Miss Robarts said. "We have to attack the operating budget to get it balanced, and then find other ways to retire the remaining $1.3 million."

She said the process will take a long time, as the deficit is assaulted "bit by bit."

FURTHER DEBT

"Unless we bring money in, borrowing and paying interest will only put us further into debt."

The college suffered a $2.3 million deficit from last year; to remedy the financial woes, the Board of Governors cut several programs and positions, like the college health nurse. When the dust settled, $1 million was saved.

The Board is looking into different solutions to help diminish the remaining debt; plans to sell some of the college's property may be part of that solution.

"If the decision was made to sell property outright, we could make between $300,000 and $500,000."

More of the money needed to cut the budget will come when programs slated for cutting are dropped. They were targeted for cutting in last year's plan.

But expectations of eliminating the deficit in the immediate future need to be disspelled, Miss Robarts said.

"It's only a nickel and dime world for so long. We are looking into as many viable alternatives as we can, hoping that, over the years, we can retire the deficit."

As a result, Miss Robarts said the college is "not going to have new programs and equipment" until the deficit is met.

The Board of Governors will not be ready to discuss budget plans until it meets in February.

Outta my way!

Carving his way out of a deep mess of snow, this college employee is likely dreaming of sun-drenched days of summer spent lounging at the cottage. Maintenance staff has been very responsive to the safety of students, faculty and administration by clearing the snow as quickly as it hits the ground. Smile! There's no need to worry about this white curse much longer — in five to six weeks everyone will be drowning in a sea of mud.

Photo by Gail Atkinson

Foundation raises 12% of goal

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Foundation, the school's fundraising entity, has now raised $25,000 to buy new equipment for the new Tourism Hospitality Training Centre in Niagara Falls.

Charles Complin, foundation executive director, said the amount constitutes " 12 per cent of our goal" and does not include "other monies that we know are coming in."

For now, the Foundation is working exclusively for the facility, Mr. Complin said. "You are always much better off doing one thing at a time."

"It is finding its way as it goes along; college foundations are a relatively new thing," he said. "I don't think that most people know that we have a foundation, or what the money is for...you can't just tell people about it once; you have to tell them...and tell them...and tell them."

GIVES $5,000

A $5,000 donation has just been promised by American Express, "the Foundation isn't looking exclusively for cash donations," Mr. Complin said. "One company has indicated that it would like to buy all the china for the facility."

The Foundation has been in place for less than a year. "We are past the stage of creeping before we walk; now, we are working on walking right," Mr. Complin said. "In setting up a base, we still have a target and we expect to reach it."

The target date for the $200,000 drive is some time next summer. "That's when the money is needed," he said. "It would be a great pleasure to be able to present the president of the college with a cheque for the full amount."

Besides donations of cash and materials, some "very busy" people are also volunteering a lot of time to the cause. "My job is to work with them closely to ease their load."

Mr. Complin himself is donating his time. "The Foundation committee approached me last June, and I said I was interested. After seven years of retirement, I was tired of being retired."

He sees his duties as those of an administrator, acting as coordinator for the various volunteers.

As for the four days a week he spends at the college, "much of the work is done performing simple tasks," such as sending letters of appreciation, collecting donations, getting donations to the bank, and organizing an accounting system that can be easily understood by auditors.

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Exhibit programs

Niagara opens doors

For the first time in eight years, Niagara will hold a Sunday Open House, affording Niagara the "opportunity to exhibit and demonstrate our programs throughout the college," Fred Habermehl, executive dean, said. The date has been set for April 9.

Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, said the decision to have an April Open House is a timely one, as all the colleges send out program acceptance notices April 15. "Maybe by virtue of a visit, the student's decision may be swayed. It is an opportunity to influence students' decisions."

He said the occasion would allow secondary school students to visit if they missed the October Open House and to meet college students and staff; it allows Niagara "to reach out to the adults in the community."

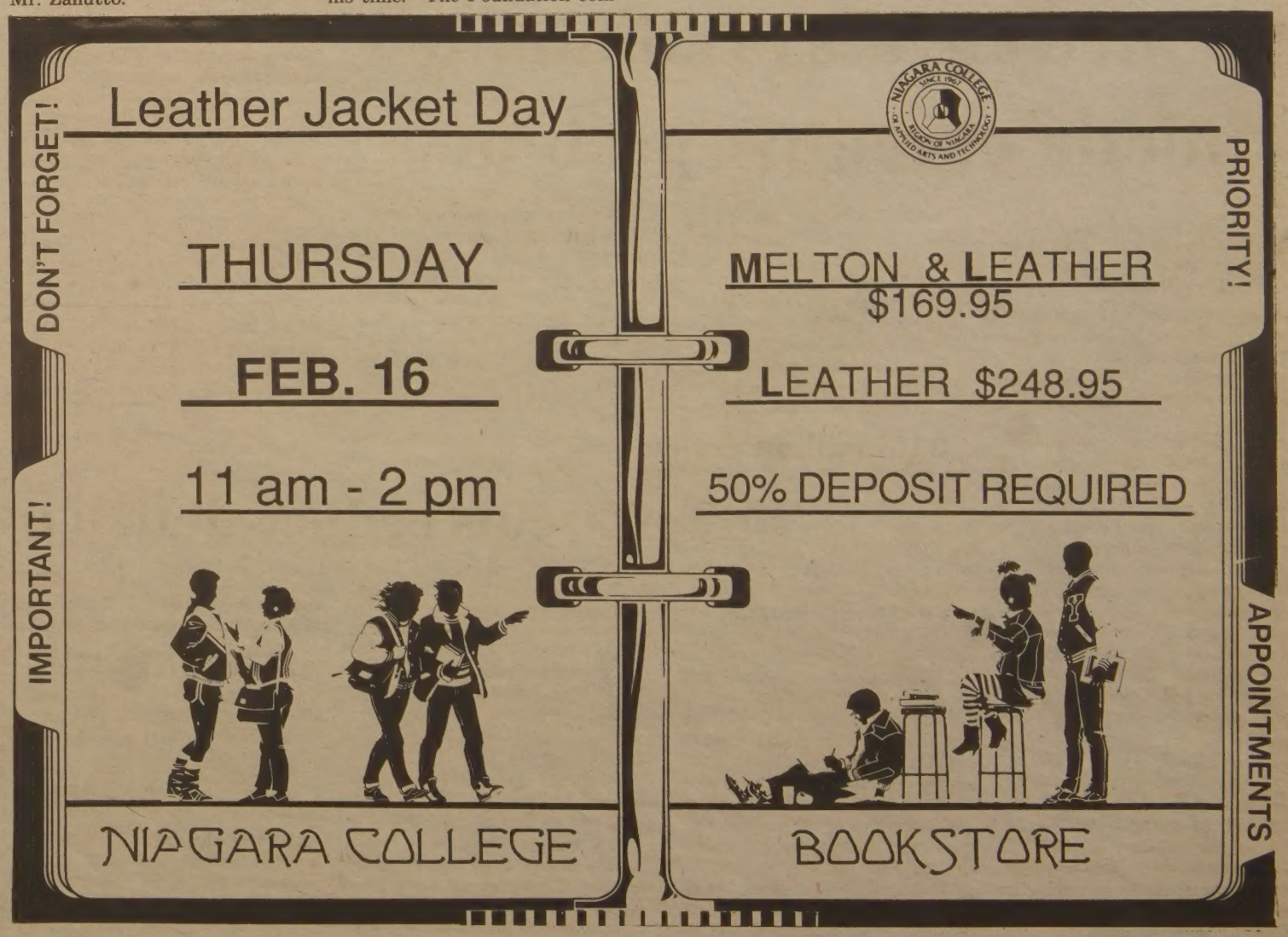
TWO EVENTS

The Open House is the second such event in a month to promote Niagara; the other is the Horticulture Centre's annual two-day Open House in March that attracts 3,000 to 4,000 people. It will be March 18-19.

Mr. Habermehl, who will oversee overall operations, said the Academic Operating Committee decided on the Welland event last week.

"It's really a way of showing the public what we're all about," Mr. Habermehl said. It is of special interest to both current and prospective students' families. College maps will be available for those wishing to explore Niagara on their own or with a touring group.

Student volunteers will work program demonstrations, operate equipment, and act as tour guides and campus directors, Mr. Zanutto said. To volunteer speak to instructors or to Mr. Habermehl or Mr. Zanutto.



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Just another blizzard

Wicked blasts of snow strike students with an unleashed fury, as they trog their way to the classes Wednesday morning. This scene is a far cry from the late January heat wave that fooled everyone into thinking of spring. Wiarton Willy, that furry little groundhog, may have predicted an early spring, but the weatherman seems to have other plans...

Photo by Theresa Boudreau

Chefs' Association 'a little upset,' no recognition for Hospitality help

The Professional Chefs' Association of Niagara is "a little upset" it received no recognition from the college for the $3,000 cheque they donated to benefit the new Hospitality Centre.

Stan West, PCA president and co-ordinator of the Cook's Apprenticeship program, said. "The reason we gave the money was because in the past the PCA and the college have developed a close working relationship, but we're a little upset we received no recognition on the donation."

Charles Complin, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation said he was sorry the PCA did not get the recognition it deserved earlier.

"It's hard to overstate the contribution made over this campaign by the Professional Chefs' Association," Mr. Complin said. "They have supported the program with their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm, and their cash contribution of $3,000 for this campaign was a major gesture of support."

NO PROBLEM

He said if every group associated with the hospitality industry gave as much support as the PCA, the college would have no problem of reaching its $200,000 goal.

The PCA was initially responsible for setting up Niagara College's Cook's Apprenticeship program, and over the years it has served on the advisory committee to offer guidance as to the kinds of training the industry is lacking.

Every year, the PCA holds an annual dinner to honor the area's top professional chefs. During that dinner the association picks an apprentice from the college to be its apprentice of the year. And, the PCA has set up a scholarship at Niagara.

Most of the chefs in the association are either graduates of the program or they hire students from the Niagara training program.

Regardless of the treatment they received over recognition, the association is looking forward to working with the college to support the new Dunn Street Facility, Mr. West said.

Parrett's ministry job 'positive' experience

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

College Registrar John Parrett was involved in calculating operating grants for Ontario colleges in the 1988-89 and 1989-90 school years while working at the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Parrett, who returned to the college early last month after a first work term with the college affairs branch, believes the funding formula is "generally, very good; it just needs some fine tuning."

"The real problem from the college perspective is that the colleges don't believe that the total funding for the college system is adequate to enable colleges to deliver their educational services in the manner which they feel they should be delivered," he said. "Colleges must continue to voice their concern as to how they should be adequately funded."

He started June 6 full time in the financial support unit of college affairs and commuted every day from the area to downtown Toronto in the government buildings at Bay and Wellesley until Jan. 2, when he returned to the college. He said it was the first time the financial support section offered the work term which it now wants to do annually.

GAVE INSIGHT

The ministry job "definitely" helped with his present job, giving him more "insight" into the operation of the college system.

The total amount of money allocated among the 22 colleges is fixed. The amount is determined by:

*the government's fixed amount as operating support for colleges of applied arts and technology;

*recoveries of foreign student fee premiums paid in the previously completed fiscal year;

*specific purpose grants (e.g. funds for instructional equipment purchases and premise rentals, grants for French-language programming, termination, gratuities etc.) are determined and taken "off the top" of the total revenue;

*the remainder (94 per cent of the operating support available) is distributed among the colleges through the funding distribution mechanism.

ON ACTIVITY

The funding distribution mechanism is entirely activity based: for example, if a college provided 10 per cent of the instructional activity in the college system, it receives 10 per cent of the total amount to be distributed.

Referring to his time at the ministry, he said, "It's a real pay off to the colleges as a collective group to encourage college employees to take secondments at the ministry, to foster a better understanding of the operational side of the college. A very positive, interesting experience."

In his job he had to " rewrite and make recommendations" for guideline changes in reporting enrolment for funding purposes; he "contacted all the colleges all the time over funding questions."

Mr. Parrett responded to letters sent to the Minister, Lyn McLeod, and prepared them for her signature and "did informal things" like discussing with others the practical operational side of colleges.

He is still a member of the program weights committee, which determines how much funding programs should receive; and was chairman of the committee which approves the funding of part-time courses out of "thousands" submitted.

Mr. Parrett received the position after a conversation with Drew Nameth, manager of the financial support unit, who told him funds were available for the job; Mr. Parrett already had the technical knowledge needed so no one had to be trained.

Although not coming in contact with the minister, Mr. Parrett became acquainted with the civil servants he had only known "over the phone." He usually dealt with Ralph Benson, assistant deputy minister; Peter Wright, director of the college affairs branch; and Mr. Nameth.

Mr Parrett received a letter of thanks from the ministry Jan. 30.

No funding for Centre

The college was forced to close the Innovation Centre Jan. 31 after Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology funding "ran out."

"The ministry decided to stop funding the centre right across the province, so, unfortunately, we had to disband the centre," Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said.

The Centre provided a service to the community that helped entrepreneurs through marketing studies, assistance with obtaining financing and grants. In three years, it worked with about 200 entrepreneurs, Mr. van der Slagt said.

Elmer Wick, manager of the centre for almost three years, has "sought other employment," said George Repar, director of planning, research and development.

The centre's funding was split 50-50, with half from the ministry and half from the college.

JOHN O'NEIL

Car will not start? O'Neil to the rescue

A familiar sight in Niagara's parking lots are the vehicles students drive. Some of the cars are often temperamental and fail to start in the cold weather. Chances are John O'Neil, plant and property, will be coming to the rescue.
all campuses, cleans snow from doorways, and sidewalks, and gives stranded members of Niagara's population a helping hand. " It's just a courtesy for the students or whomever. "

The amount of times he's needed varies. The blizzard - like conditions of Wednesday surprisingly brought no calls for assistance but last week he had five calls in an hour.

FORGET LIGHTS

Mr. O'Neil is often called to give people a boost because they forgot to turn their lights off. This usually occurs when "they leave home when it's dark and get here when it's light," a problem related to this time of year and type of weather. He advises people to check their lights on arrival.

" A lot of people lock their keys in the car with the motor running." Mr. O'Neal can't always help out."I'm not a mechanic, some things you can figure out but others..."

"Some of the students don't have much money and the shape of their cars is funny. I know they can't help it."

He recalled one woman's car he tried to boost. "Her wires were on fire and smoke was going everywhere." He never did get the car started.

Editorials

Keep vice-president

Expand student council

The recommendation by the SAC constitution committee to remove the position of vice-president of athletics from the council is miscalculated.

At a time when Student Administrative Council members are over-burdened and complaining about their workload, the move to cut a member and distribute the responsibility around council doesn't make sense.

The main complaint is that athletic vice-presient doesn't do anything.

However, it's not sensible to eradicate the position.

If the constitution committee, made up of SAC members, is unhappy about the dimensions of the position, why not redefine the job, add responsibility and alleviate some of the other member's workload?

Eliminating the position is a move subsequent councils will regret. If anything, expand the council and reduce everybody's workload. It may add some needed harmony to the student council.

Bill Sawchuk

Blue box cleanup

Reuse, rebuild, recycle it

We have the technology. We can rebuild...reuse...recycle! Thanks to the advances in modern technology, recycling is no longer cost inefficient — it's real, it's worth it, and it's happening at Niagara College.

Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, not only set up the placement of Blue Boxes in offices and work areas throughout the college which began Feb. 8 but he, himself, may be seen emptying the boxes on Tuesday.

All newspapers and/or low-grade newsprint should be deposited into the blue boxes for pickup by tourism students, who volunteered to help the Student Administrative Council.

It's about time someone decided to do something in the way of cleaning up the college, our corner of an environment littered with reusable products; after all the college is an institution in which people learn and what better place for young people to learn about keeping the world clean than by reusing that which can be reused at Niagara.

Shelley Moore

Casting lovers' spell, Cupid works Feb. 14 magic

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

Feb. 14, that special day of love, arrives again next Tuesday leaving Cupid the responsibility of ensuring couples fall in love.

A myth to some, Valentine's Day has been a tradition in North America since settlers began arriving in the New World. The day came just when it seemed cold February would never end. A brightener for the long winter days, Feb. 14 became an accepted day to party and think about love.

Along with Cupid, several other symbols have emerged. One is the heart. In the early 1800s, people believed all emotions were found in the heart. In later days, they thought only the emotion of love was connected with the heart. Thus the heart is still a symbol on Valentine's Day.

A love knot is a series of interlacing loops with no beginning or end — a symbol of everlasting love. Often, people write messages on love knots made of ribbon that have no beginning or end so they can be repeated endlessly.

Lace, a common fabric associated with Feb. 14, became accepted as a symbol when women carried lace handkerchiefs. If a woman dropped her handkerchief, she might have it handed to her by a man whom she was destined to meet. Lace was associated with romance and people began decorating Valentive cards with lace.

A ring became a sign because some 300 years ago, Valentine's Day was a popular day for giving engagement rings. Since a ring is round and has no end, "This is how long we'll be friends" became the legend.

The red rose is perhaps the most common symbol on Valentines. The rose was a favorite flower of Venus, the goddess of love. Red is the color that stands for strong feelings; thus, the red rose is a symbol of love.

Colorful parrots found in Africa are thought to be love birds because they are always found sitting closely in pairs. Doves, a favorite bird of Venus, became a symbol of love because they remain with their mates for a lifetime. Males and females stay with their babies together, showing loyalty and love.

Valentine cards were first made in Europe 200 years ago from plain paper and painted in pretty colors or cut into different shapes.

With the introduction of postage in 1840, Valentine cards and all correspondence became more popular. At this time, Valentines took on a more delicate form. They were made of velvet, expensive lace and satin ribbons, embossed with the best quality material. Many had secret panels hiding secret messages to the girls. Strict Victorian fathers did not allow their daughters to receive letters without first reading them to decide whether they were suitable.

This censorship contributes to the reason that Valentines, by tradition, are anonymous.

While Cupid may ensure couples fall in love, ensuring that they stay in love is up to fate. Of course, sending a Valentine's Day card could help.

Letter

Too few attend meeting

Dear Editor:

One of the major complaints at Niagara College has been poor communication between faculty and management. This has caused a considerable amount of animosity, particularly during our crisis of '88.

The restructuring of the upper administration was met with much skepticism; however, through his monthly meetings, vice-president of academics, Tony Knowles, has made a concerted effort to keep faculty apprised of what is happening at the college, to answer questions and attempt to find solutions to problems posed by faculty and staff.

It disturbs me that only 50 employees attended the January meeting. Are we slipping into the apathy of the past?

When an employee of 18 years seniority is given a layoff notice, it's a signal to us that no one is in a "safe" position.

When part-time employees are on the increase and full-time jobs are not being filled, no one is "safe."

We must show our concern and one way of doing this is to fill the Hamilton Room and ask Dr. Knowles how we can help to get this college financially on its feet without putting long-term employees "on the street."

With genuine concern,

Billie Atkinson

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Hort Open House, Reunion slated for March 18

Horticulture students past and present will be celebrating the Horticulture Technician program's 20-year reunion in conjunction with its annual Open House.

A dinner-dance will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on March 18 at the Royal Canadian Legion on Church Street, St. Catharines.

Tickets are $19 each, with a DJ and a cash bar. For more information call the Horticulture Centre at 685-3776.

FOCUS on chairmen

Bill Heelis 'happy' without his Lamborghini

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

"I do not have an inaugural speech, nor do I intend to make one."

The terse, businesslike tone of these first words uttered by the new chairman of the Board of Governors were in sharp contrast to the man, who, after closing the front door of his home, reached casually for a tea towel to wipe his soapy hands free of dishwater.

"I'm domesticated," Bill Heelis insisted.

Casually clad, he relaxed on the couch, an arm comfortably draped over each of his sons — Scott, 11 and Ryan, 10 — the 43-old lawyer said jokingly, " I've got these guys instead of my Lamborghini." It's a trade-off he seems more than happy with.

Passion

Not only the coach of Ryan's novice hockey team — his "passion" — he goes bicycling, swimming, and portaging with his family in Algonquin during the summer. He also jogs, plays squash, golf, and skates for two oldtimer hockey teams.

He played down the importance of being chairman, saying members sort of "take turns".

"I'm interested in serving my community and that's the fashion in which I'm doing it." Corny, he said, but true.

Although the board may seem an invisible entity to most of the student body — he recalled feeling the same when he was a student at Western University — he said, "their concerns are considered." All the members have children who may one day enter the college system, "They are mindful of that" when making decisions, he said.

The Heelis family
Pictured above in their home is Bill Heelis with his wife, Deb, and two sons Scott, foreground; and Ryan behind.

Mr. Heelis repudiated the opinion of some people that the board merely rubber stamps policies put before it. On the contrary, much discussion and debate goes on during the in-camera meetings, but only its final approval is seen at full board meetings.

No one is paid for their time so the members are there because they want to help. "We're in a position where we have to examine the budget and determine what the school can offer."

Besides that, he said, "The amount of descretionary funds available for the college are almost non-existant;" thus, the amount of influence the board has over its monetary decisions is limited.

Funding levels are so low, he said 18 out of the 22 colleges may be in a deficit situation. "I can't substantiate this, but I believe the provincial government has forced all of the community colleges to use up their reserves as they forced the hospitals to use up theirs. The provincial government is running on a deficit itself." He believes the government is forcing "available monies" in the system to be used up.

Message

Mr. Heelis is hopeful that the funding formula will be changed.

He said Lyn McLeod's announcement to allow southern Ontario colleges to build residences — northern colleges were already permitted to do so — is a "message" from the ministry. "It is the harbinger of a change of policy that will take place over a period of time."

Vision 2000 — organized to re-examine the original community college mandate, review funding and the goals set back in 1967 for the institutions — will "come out with new policies and mandate." Mr. Heelis believes the original legislation is being "slowly eroded away."

Specialization

Colleges were originally started to give "broad-based" education to students within their communities, but students more and more frequently leave their region to get schooling; competition between colleges is fierce, "specialization is going to have to come."

The role of the institution has changed. The ministry must now "rationalize" community colleges.

Mr. Heelis paused as the questions ceased.

The house was now quiet except for disjointed voices drifting down to the livingroom from the second floor as Deb Heelis put their sons to bed.

A slightly fatigued husband and father rubbed his eyes, thinking perhaps of the usual 11 hours he will work the next day.

He has been a partner in his St. Catharines law firm, Heelis, Williams, Little and Culliton, since 1974.

Mr. Heelis' definition of success goes beyond the merely financial.

"Success is a state of mind...and I'm a happy guy."

Future with youth , education: Bill Ford

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

Bill Ford's term as chairman of the Board of Governors has ended, but his interest in the education of today's youth will never wane.

"The future of any country is tied into its youth," he said in an interview last week. "If we have well educated young people, we can survive — it's survival of the fittest, that's one axiom that still holds good."

Mr. Ford's recent mission to China, to discuss Ontario's college system at Changsha University, opened his eyes to scholastic and industrial competition Canadian college graduates face. Urging college students to strive for the top, he said there are millions of high school graduates in China vying for a chance at higher education, and the industries they will be working in are adamant producers of high quality goods at low prices.

Graduate

Mr. Ford, a University of Toronto business graduate, and a Chartered Accountant with MacGillivray and Co. for more than 15 years, knows the value of education for anyone, at any age. He received an additional degree, honors philosophy, from Brock University in 1984 through night classes.

Even as a British Army volunteer in the Second World War, Mr. Ford was involved with education, as an instructor and enthusisastic dissipator of information about Canada, a country he is proud to live in.

"I think in many respects that the war coupled with my trip to China made me realize just how fortunate we are in this country."

Though himself a product of university, he is enthused with the quality of college education, especially with the "hands-on" experience it provides its students. He wants all facets of education to work together, from elementary school through to colleges and universities. He said colleges and universities should co-operate, especially when it comes to the transferability of credits:

"It's a tragedy some of these college students aren't getting recognition for their work — community college credits should be recognized by universities."

Mr Ford, who misses his activities on the board, will likely not have time to pine — he's still active pursuing better quality education as president of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, and as a member of the Niagara College Foundation board of directors. He juggles any spare time between his duties as assistant secretary of the St. Catharines Rotary Club, curling, reading, gardening, swimming, lawn bowling, and going for walks along the Bruce Trail with his wife, Edith.

Always concerned about Niagara College, he thinks often of its future. He foresees residences, because of the influx of out-of-town and out-of-province students; better sports facilities — "the body is every bit as important as the mind," and expansion of the satellite campuses, especially if the Niagara Peninsula booms with a spate of Toronto based businesses relocating here to take advantage of affordable housing for employees.

Mr. Ford said he hopes all colleges will become more financially sound through various endowments, much the same as universities receive from alumni. With more college graduates working their way into responsible positions, he feels college diplomas will become more valuable, as these people will be making hiring decisions.

Relative

"Things are relative. Universities have been around for years, community colleges are in their 22nd year."

Jacqueline Robarts, College president, said Mr. Ford, "a dedicated member of the Board of Governors," will be missed. She said "he has provided leadership to the college system as a whole."

Mr. Ford said he has enjoyed working with Miss Robarts, "recognized by her peers as being one of the better community college presidents in Canada."

Mr. Ford is enthusiatic about the new chairman, Bill Heelis:

"I think Bill Heelis will be a very capable chairman. He's a successful lawyer and he'll do an excellent job for the college."

Another era has ended at Niagara College, but the ideas and energy of Bill Ford will be evident as time marches on.

WILLIAM FORD

Polar Dip ends week of Sno Fun

A small collection of fearless students, undaunted by the deep black toxic waters of the Inco plant in Port Colborne, and the minus 10 degree weather, frolicked for about two minutes for the Polar Dip, Wintercourse's final event. Screams of "cesspool" and shouts of other choice language epitomized the reactions of the dippers to the scum-laden depths of the lagoon. Photo by Elaine Wilson

Nine brave icy blasts on Erie shore to frolic in lagoon's mud, slime

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

For those who refrained from participating in the Wintercourse Polar Dip last Friday for fear of damaging precious goods in the frigid waters, it would have been the least of their worries.

The nine people brave enough to risk the family jewels in the icy depths at Nickel Beach in Port Colborne received another shock to their systems. Because of the sudden winter temperatures that blasted the region over the few days before the dip, the Lake Erie shore was frozen about 50 feet out, forcing the Niagara College ninesome to frolic in the icy pool by the Inco nickel plant's chemical waste outlet.

But despite the looks of the lake, with a "one...two... three...GO!" the group headed in the scummy waters; some proceeded timidly, others foolishly dove head first; still more daredevils grew reluctant when cries of "CESSPOOL" and the sight of black oozing mud (or something that can best be described as mud) rising to the surface of the quagmire, forced the rationalization that a wet foot can, in fact, be defined as a dip.

HELD THEIR OWN

A few people, including Randy Conlon, Student Administrative Council president, and Scott Tracey, first-year journalism student, held their own in the industrial toilet for the two-minute dip.

When a few of the dippers began emerging from the toxic fathoms, black gunk slimed down pale legs, their clothes were stained from the chemical wonders in which they innocently gamboled, looking like something out of a David Cronenburg film. A few others were trying to make their way out of the waste dump, but, instead, found themselves waist-deep in the scum, forcably glued to the bottom of the lagoon.

Rory MacKenzie, SAC student representative, found himself stuck in the goo, after he jumped off a little grass peninsula into a spot that appeared innocent enough. He grabbed Randy and pleaded for help, but the cold-hearted president was no better off — he was knee-deep in the sludge as well.

Sno King Eric Beyer, with contempt for the terrible cold, went against his better judgment, and leapt into the gelid bath; while most individuals dipped fully clothed, King Eric, graced the gallery of onlookers with a glimpse of his bare chest. How regal.

HEADSTRONG

Gail Atkinson and Fran Yanor, second-year journalism students, had their first opportunity to go headstrong into a story, participating first-hand. Let's hope they survive long enough to write about their tales.

Fran was lucky enough to find herself a souvenir of her first polar dip — a rock in her underwear.

No fatalities resulted from the dip, save for Gail's flip-flops, donned by Fran, unable to clench her toes with enough strength to keep the tongs on her feet. They remain stuck to the basin of heavy sludge, perhaps planning to reappear in a few years, about to "reek" havoc on the world as The Toxic Flip Flops That Ate Port Colborne.

Even though the Polar Dip marked more poor participation on behalf of the college's student body during the Wintercourse celebration, those who did have the spirit to play along will not soon forget the fun that was shared by all.

Maybe 10 or 20 years down the road, at a Niagara College reunion, all those who dipped in the chemical-laden garbage dump will be recognizable. They'll be easy to spot — they will be the ones with a third arm, or an extra nose, or a the lizard-like skin, or ...

Guess who came late

What a wacky week of Wintercourse activity! Who could resist the frolic, the fun, the spirit of adventure that wintercourses across this land undertake in defiance of a season that just won't quit?

At Niagara College, apparently not only the greater part of the student body could resist, but even that old winter guy showed up a week late.

Where was he for the golfers, the baseballers and the polar dippers? The outdoor activities needed winter to blow in faces, chill bones and freeze tushes, as it's been doing the last couple of days.

Snowstorms and blizzards are a must in this country and it's a cheat if there isn't at least one worthy of reminiscing about in subsequent winters. Nothing like a good blast of white stuff to break the proverbial ice in conversation from one storm to the next. Skids, slides and snow nearly to the roof — all are topics of endless fascination.

So last week's carnival was cheated. Old guy winter made a late showing but, when he did show, it was with a bone-chilling vengeance. Probably to spite anyone not seasonally participating with adventuresome spirit.

Jimi Avon serves up hot rockin' lunch hour

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

Blasts of guitar through bites of apples, sprays of orange, and fog of cigarette smoke. At first, last Thursday's cafeteria lunch crowd continued the usual scholastic conversations — those which can only surface over one of Mom's stale sandwiches, a mixed salad, or the million-plus calorie deep-fried special. But a guitar genius was attempting to compete, with strands of Betty Lou, Brown Eyed Girl, Heart of Gold, the Bearcat, Great Balls of Fire, and Cocaine: "if you want a way out you've got to take a ride... Niagara College Cafeteria!"

Jimi Avon, recorded bass and drums thumping behind, deserved the crowd he had — and a lot more. One student so convincingly summed up the situation:

"The only way to get a crowd at Niagara College is to catch them eating lunch," she said, leaving her soggy beef stroganoff, absorbed by the music.

It only took three songs for crowd responses of clapping, whistling, and shouting (mouths full.)

"If anyone can play an instrument as fast as I pick this guitar...there's no beer, so I'll gladly buy you a sandwich, Avon said, as he started into the Beatle's country influenced Rocky Raccoon.

No style

Hunting down Avon's style seems easy. Rhythm and blues, it's so obvious. But doesn't agree.

"I don't have any style," he said at first. "People try to pin me, but I really don't have a style — as long as I stay away from the Top 40." If there's any style he did semi-admit to, it is "rocking-blues."

"I'm a grassroots player, and you can see that," the "mid-thirtyish" Hamilton native said.

Avon has been saturating the college circuit from Thunder Bay to Montreal, fulltime, for the past 15 years, except for the "at least 60 days a year" he spends fishing. He lives to play the guitar and has his own studio in his Rockwood, Ont., home, ready to record the vibes for immortality.

His most embarassing moment came when he opened up for a big band, ("I won't name them") and found by the response he received they should have opened up for him. That's embarassment anyone can live with.

Avon's older brother was the driving force behind the love of guitar.

50s music

"My brother was in an original '50 s band, you know, the kind that played 'The Locomotion'," he said, a big grin on his lips. "He taught me bass and lead guitar, and then I studied classical guitar on my own.

He usually works the circuit alone, but does recording with two musicians from Waterloo. He brings them on tour "if the gig merits a trio." He has two albums out, on an independent label, and is working on his third.

Avon enjoys playing for the young college crowd, and loves especially to play Niagara College.

"This is the fourth time I've played here," he said. "I always get a good reaction here."

Suddenly, he pushed back his chair, said thanks, and was on his way to the stage, the short break over. He hopped up, his greying hair flopping behind, and strapped on his guitar. He was ready to help make lunch more digestable for the latest throng of french fry junkies.

JIMI AVON

Slurping, snorting at Wintercourse brings greatest student involvement

Milk chugging and jello-eating were two of the more successful events sponsored by the Student Administrative Council for Wintercourse '89.

Two tickets for the Tom Cochrane and Red Rider pub were won by Rob Burkart, accounting student. Sweatshirts went to the second fastest milk-chugger, Bob Holder, electrical engineering student and the winner of the women's division, Gina Hammond, early childhood education student.

The jello-eating winner was Bob Holder, who won two tickets to the Tom Cochrane and Red Rider pub. Gina showed her determination once more by winning the women's jello-eating division and another sweatshirt.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, played host to the events and encouraged participants to "suck" that jello back, while a crowd of curious onlookers gathered around the table in the cafeteria at noon Friday to get a closer look at the jello smeared faces.

Among others to enter the jello-eating event was Sno King Eric Beyer.

Snow King Eric Beyer was not afraid to get down and dirty during the jello eating contest in the main cafeteria last Friday. Sitting across from winner Bob Holder, Eric did his best to stand up to the expectations of a Snow King; although he did not take first place, our King for Winter-course '89 placed a close fourth — out of five. The prize for his efforts was the simple satisfaction of having shown Niagara students that their King is not above sucking back a little jello with his loyal subjects of Niagara College. Gina Hammond won the women's division which took place mere moments before King Eric blessed the cafeteria crowd, and jello eating contestants, with his regal presence.

Photo by Shelley Moore

Victory Day tour

Tom Cochrane White Hot at Niagara

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

A man once dubbed Bruce Springsteen the future of rock and roll. Well, that may have been true — for him. But on Wednesday night, I saw the past, present, and future of Canadian rock and roll. His name is Tom Cochrane.

Tom Cochrane and Red Rider made a brief visit to the college cafeteria that night to play to an embarrassingly small number of fans, who didn't seem to be bothered by the weather conditions and the abundance of space inside, but were only there to see one of the country's best musical performers.

With a Juno award for Group of the Year under his belt, and two more nominations including Entertainer of the Year for the Junos on March 12, Tom Cochrane has taken his well crafted show and anthem-like repertoire of tunes and hit the tour, promoting his critically acclaimed, headed-for-platinum album, Victory Day.

Set to play Maple Leaf Gardens in mid-February, Tom said Wednesday's show had to be changed drastically to complement the audience and the stage.

"It's a completely different dynamic playing to an audience like this," Tom, a man who looks older than his 34 years would indicate, said. "It's the difference between doing movies and theatre. In movies there are more nuances — you don't have to project; but, in a situation like this, you have to project. In the Gardens, I have to reach people that are more than 400 feet away; it's like theatre. I have to exaggerate."

But the small crowd didn't rattle the veteran performer; in fact, he seemed to thrive, and was able to go back to his roots as a rock performer.

Tom Cochrane and Red Rider, acclaimed as Canada's Group of the Year at last year's Juno Awards, gave a small audience the performance of a lifetime Wednesday night in the cafeteria. On the road for their Victory Day tour, Tom is slated to play the Junos, where he is nominated for two awards, on March 12 and will perform on Late Night with David Letterman in March.

"It's good to get in front of people. We started in small clubs and halls and finally graduated to the big concert scene. But in small places, that's where I feel most comfortable."

Perhaps, Tom will take some of the energy radiated from the Niagara audience and illuminate the 17,000-strong who will be in attendance when he plays the Gardens with Jeff Healey, an event to which he is looking forward.

Some might say that Tom Cochrane is Canada's best kept secret and somehow, surreptitiously, has become a spokesman for the entire country. Nowhere is this more evident than in the haunting Big League, a song that celebrates the Canadian spirit of youth, life and hockey.

"I'm proud of that song; I think I've done justice to the story and memory of the kid," Tom said. The hit tells of a promising young hockey player, who was killed in an automobile accident, never realizing his goal of playing professionally.

"The album is a reminder to be in touch with people and experiences happening daily. The overall theme is to get in touch with yourself and others, and goals and success will take care of themselves."

Tom Cochrane and Red Rider have been together for eight years and five platinum albums, and there is no other place they would rather be, save for spending time with wives and children, than on the road, playing music they believe in and Canada loves.

Too bad there aren't more performers with the thoughtful intelligence and compassion of this man in the music industry, but then again we, as Canadians, should be proud we have Tom Cochrane.

Majestic reflections to minions

By A REGAL PERSON
and Staff Writer

Let me introduce myself; my name is Eric Beyer and last week I worked in official capacity as your snow king. It was quite a time.

The adventure began Monday night at Gilligans, where the competition for Snow King and Queen was held.

The first mention of my potential Snow King characteristics occurred at my table, where six or seven were sitting around; everybody laughed, but somehow the idea stuck. Was it because of my regal bearing that I was considered? My kingly air? Or that I squirmed the most when my name was mentioned?

Pushups

But, when the Snow King competition began, I found out I was a contestant; someone had submitted my name.

For the talent segment of the competition, I decided to do clap-pushups. I enticingly told the crowd I was going to attempt five — but I managed 21 before the spellbound watchers.

The oral segment proved less taxing. I had to answer three questions: Why would you like to be Snow King? If you had a direct line to Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, what would you say? Why are you wearing that dumb-looking sweater?

Whatever natural abilities aided me in the Snow King competition were conspicuously absent during the Friday jello sucking competition.

Out of the five competitors I finished fourth — a disappointing result for a Snow King.

However, in the polar bear dip, all the competitors were winners — or losers, whichever way you want to look at it. With skittish enthusiasm our merry band of men and women headed to Nickel Beach, by Port Colborne, for the plunge, scheduled for 4:30 that afternoon.

Plunges

We had trouble finding a suitable spot. The beach itself is ice-rimmed, and taking a plunge from an ice ledge into unknown depths was a daunting prospect. There was a nearby lagoon, not ice-covered at all, but that appeared polluted. An outlet pipe, about 100 metres distant, was draining a steaming liquid into the "water."

"Now," was the cry as I watched at least one member of the crazy Canuck college hockey team dive in, then another.

I perched for what seemed an eternity on the shore, wondering about it all...and then, lunge!

I'm glad I was wearing running shoes because there was gross, black sludge — soft and deep — on the bottom. Already, a couple of polar bears were making their way out of the water. I didn't need much prompting to do the same — but before leaving I took a standing dive, becoming thoroughly drenched; I had to go all the way.

Once out, my feet started to get cold as I searched around for my apparel. I'm forever indebted to that first-year student for holding a towel around me while I changed.

Then time to return to school.

The polar bear dip and the entire week was ridiculous, but I had a great time. Thanks, Niagara.

From Theatre Centre

Preparations for The Crucible last until witching hour

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

Rehearsals stretch out late into the evening. Bald, surreal mannequins cast eerie shadows on students hunched over sewing machines. Not far away, work progresses on huge panels. Sawing and hammering is punctuated by sporadic bursts of laughter and conversation.

Work is winding down in preparation for Niagara's production of The Crucible, Arthur Millar's acclaimed portrayal of witchhunts in 17th Century Salem. The play premieres at the Shaw Festival on Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m. and then moves to Brock Centre for the Arts from Feb. 21 to Feb. 24.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals taking place at the Shaw Festival last from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., six days a week.Some nights rehearsals will last until 10 p.m. "It's a heavy show to be doing in a short amount of time," Shelly Sealey, theatre student,said. Students in theatre had four weeks of classes after Christmas before going into production early last week.

Students not in the cast "go to costumes, scenic painting, sets, props or publicity," Shelly said. Most of the students want to be in the cast but believe learning the technical side of theatre will earn them a living until they are able to support themselves as full-time performers.

Sawdust

At the Charterways building in Virgil, the sawdust hangs thick in the air with students sawing, painting, nailing and planing. The building was originally rented for construction of the sets of Ali Baba but the program "worked something out to have our lab carpentry classes here," Elvie Antonacci, theatre student and Badalbazoora in Ali Baba, said.

Lisa Godden, a knee poking out from torn, painted-splashed pants, said they had just finished the last of 11 panels which will comprise the set. Working as a scenic painter "can get a bit tedious but we're having a giggle," she said. "You gain respect when you're actually making them."

Black paint smudged on her face, paint splattered on her tattered clothing, the word OUTCAST painted on the back of her shirt in a joking protest of not landing a part in the cast, Darlene Harris,theatre student, asked, "I don't look confused doing this, do I?" She doesn't mind the work but would rather act. "I want to act but it's good to have this," she said.

Second-year student, Heather Matson is head of the painting crew. Her job is "to keep the schedule, make sure it gets done on time." Gord Hart, a stagehand from Shaw, is there "to help resolve problems and to keep people from cutting their arm off with the saw."

Paint-specked, Saralyn Williams has a small part in the play and does double duty helping with the scenic painting. "It's incredible because I never believed that I would be able to do something. It shows what hard work can do."

Costumes

Back at the Shaw Festival, third-year student Glenna Owen, of Whiterock B.C., is hunched over a sewing machine preparing costumes. The play will have "sombre costumes, a homespun look with white cuffs and collars which reflect the period." The costume crew works from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and an evening crew goes in from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. .

The students in the Theatre program spent last friday building sets for their production of The Crucible. The program covers theatre from every aspect of the industry, giving the students a well-rounded knowledge.

Actor in serious role

PATRICK MAY

Some people can't resist getting up in public and acting like a horse's ass; however, Patrick May, first-year pre-audition student in the Theatre Arts program, does it because he likes to make children laugh.

During the Niagara College production of Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves, Patrick played the part of "the half end of the horse." Now, Patrick is rehearsing his first serious role, playing Ezekiel Cheever in the Theatre Centre's next production, The Crucible.

"Theatre is interesting. I really like assuming other roles and acting like a totally different person." Patrick came to Niagara straight from high school, and he sees himself graduating from this program, then, applying to a theatre school in British Columbia. In between, he would like to take a year off.

When acting, he prefers children's theatre and comedy. "The Crucible is a real challenge for me. I've never been anywhere except behind the scenes during a serious play."

GETTING COMFORTABLE

Right now, the actors are working at the Shaw Theatre an average of eight hours a day, Patrick said. "I'm starting to get comfortable with my lines and things are beginning to flow."

Looking back on Ali Baba, Patrick said it was a good experience in children's theatre as well as being fun. "The kids give you a good feeling when they laugh."

He said he hopes the students will come out to support the acting company's production of The Crucible, which will preview at the Shaw Theatre and move to the Playhouse at Brock University. "The Crucible is a tough play because it has so much religion and moral content in it."

He said production is a lot of fun, and theatre people are really friendly. "Having the use of the Shaw Theatre is really great. When I began the program, I was really excited to find they were using this facility."

The thing Patrick likes the most about the pre-audition program is the fact that he learns the total aspect of theatre from props, through make-up, to acting. The program is designed to prepare a student to handle himself properly during a professional audition.

Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves draws capacity crowds

Niagara's Theatre Centre's production of Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves drew capacity crowds but broke the heart of D'Arcy McHayle, instructor in the program.

"There were requests for 2,000 more (tickets for) children but it was already sold out," Mr. McHayle said. "It broke my heart. The revenue would have been nice."

The nine performances of the play, which ran from Dec. 13 to Dec. 15, were well received by 4,000 people, mostly children. The production was staged at the Brock Playhouse; it was the third time the college presented the play with previous productions in 1975 and 1983.

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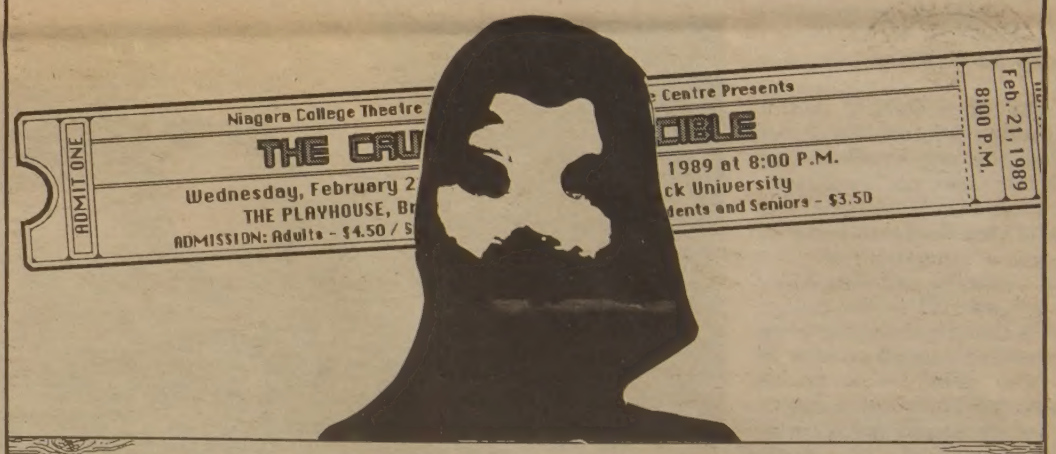

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Actress's personality adds to The Crucible

Relaxing in the Green room, she smiles. Her demeanor is not what you would expect from an accusd witch. She sits with her feet tucked underneath, oblivious to a heated game of Trivial Pursuit being waged in the background.

Shelly Sealey, second year theatre student, has been cast in the role of Elizabeth Proctor, a Salem woman accused of witchcraft in 17th Century America She is part of Niagara College's production of Arthur Miller's acclaimed play The Crucible.

Breaking from rehearsal in the green room (which isn't green) Shelly, the Kamloops native, looked tired but at the same time super-charged. "We're going to have a good show. People seem extra-excited about it. There's a good feeling going on."

The green room gets its name from the belief of theatrical people about the color green's calming powers. It is the room where thespians escape from tyrannical directors and long hours. It is not necessarily painted green. It can be any color, but one aspect of the decor which doesn't change is lounging actors and actresses sprawled out like shell-shocked soldiers.

There has been a lot of interest by the students in the program about the play. "'A lot of second-years read the play and were extremely interested," Shelly said.

Shelly sees her character Elizabeth as a strong, honest, principled person. She will bring

SHELLY SEALEY

her own personality to the part. "Elizabeth is very strong. I'm very strong."

The show is a long play with four acts. Changes were made because of time. "We wanted a tighter, more compact show. We're aiming for two hours," Shelley said.

When Arthur Miller wrote the play many people believed the play was a comment on the communist-witchhunting of Senator Joseph McCarthy. It is "definitely commenting on McCarthyism," Shelly said. "What he is saying is it's not something we can dismiss. It keeps repeating itself in history." She hopes Niagara's theatre program "seemed to be everything I was looking for — technical and performance courses combined," she said.

Irene wants SAC involved in fundraiser

Irene Ploszczansky, second-year Ontario Basic Skills student, has reserved herself a spot on next Monday's Student Administrative Council's agenda to propose that SAC get involved with a fundraising drive she has organized to buy a van for the residents of Tanquay Place, a Welland home for the disabled.

Irene submitted a letter to the SAC before Christmas, but nobody from the SAC office got back to her. She waited for an answer, but none came. Eventually, through the help of Caroline Nelson, at the Special Needs office, Irene was notified that she would have to bring her proposal before the whole SAC board. Irene has Cerebral Palsy and must get around the school in a wheelchair. She is a little upset that SAC did not take the time to seek her out.

Randy Conlon, SAC president, said, "I regret not being able to get back to her myself."

MAKE PLANS

Irene said, "If there is no money in this year's budget; then, SAC should make plans to allot money for the project in next year's budget."

She has begun fundraising for the van without SAC's help, and she plans on going through with her proposal regardless of the outcome of the meeting on Feb. 16.

"If you have to put one more white coat on this blue set, I'm going to jump off the top of this ladder!" This student seems to be thinking as he performs a delicate balancing act while preparing the sets for RTV's upcoming production of the Niagara Journal. All second-year as well as some first-year students are involved in the production. Photo by Terry Moore

Students to feature Niagara Journal on TV

Their day is coming.

In little more than a month, the second-year radio and television students will take the Niagara Journal to the television airwaves.

The program airs from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Thursday from March 9 to April 27, featuring news, sports entertainment, and community happenings, both within and outside the college community. The show will be shot from studio 2.

Viewers should look for the program on Channel 10 on MacLean Hunter cable and Channel 14 on Armstrong televsion. Since the live broadcasts will be taped, watch for them to be re-aired Saturday on Armstrong. Check listings for the time.

For the most part, the radio students provide the talent and hosts for the show, while the television students handle the technical end. Third and second year radio students Mike Balsom and Michelle Butterly were selected at the Jan. 19 audition as hosts; this is Mike's second year as the Journal's host.

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NAME THE CENTRE CONTEST

This summer, Niagara College will open a new $6 million Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre in Niagara Falls. The 50,000 square-foot building on Dunn Street will house tourism, hospitality, hotel and restaurant administration, culinary skills, cook apprenticeship and other programs. This new building will replace our existing **Rainbow Hotel Centre.**

Now we need a name for the centre! Get your creative juices flowing and enter this **"Name The Centre"** contest. You could win dinner for two at the Rainbow Centre, and have the honour of your suggestion becoming the name of the new centre.

The name selected should be reflective of what is being offered at the Centre. Board policy recommends the use of historical names for buildings when appropriate, but doesn't allow the naming of buildings after individuals who have been associated with the College.

ENTRY FORM - *NAME THE CENTRE CONTEST*

(Contest open only to Niagara College Students and Staff)

My suggestion for the name of the new centre is: _____

My name is: _____

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Drop your entry off at the Marketing and Information Services Office, second level of the Learning Resource Centre, Welland. Contest closes 1989 02 28. The President's Operating Committee will choose 3 winners, each of which will win a dinner for two. The three chosen names will then be submitted to the Board of Governors for selection of one name.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to not award a final winner; the prizes mentioned, however, will be granted to the three finalists.

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St. Catharines Senate

Ski trip cancelled, plan end-of-month pub

The cancellation of a ski trip to Kissing Bridge and the planning of a pub at The Gathering were on the agenda of the Jan. 27 meeting of the St. Catharines Senate, the governing student body at the St. Catharines campus.

"A lot said they wanted to go on the ski trip next time," Rick Derosier, senate events chairman, said. "They say next time but there might not be a next time." As of last Friday, only eight of 47 seats had been sold.

The trip costs $25 and includes party bus and an eight-hour lift ticket. "They can't really find no better deal," Rick said. "We'll definitely have to go to other campuses," to fill the bus. The trip might be postponed until the following week.

The next senate-sponsored pub was discussed at the meeting and $250 was allocated by the senate for prizes for the next pub. It will be held at The Gathering the last Thursday of February or the first Thursday of March.

For a $1 admission, party-goers get a chance to win prizes. The senate buys $60 vouchers from the concert promoter Bass through Sam the Record Man and gives them away as prizes, Rick said. Three sets of these will be drawn for at the pub.

"One dollar for the ticket is all it costs," Rick said. "We stock up on prizes." Students from all campuses are invited to attend and Rick promises everyone will have a good time.

The final business of the meeting was a discussion of the possible fate of two senate-owned Olivetti typewriters which need repair. They will probably not be fixed because the senate provides a Minolta word-processor for the use of students, Rick said. "Quite a few use the computer." The senate pays for all the paper used and there is no charge to students.

Sports

SAC athlete award scholarships were presented at a press conference last Friday morning to four students who achieved excellence in their sports and in their studies. Pictured from left, Randy Conlon, SAC president; and athletic award recipients Mike Martineau, for hockey; Leah Kulas, for volleyball and badminton; Sharon Grenier, for volleyball; Rene Lanoix, for volleyball; Niagara College president Jaqueline Robarts congratulating all.

Photo by Gail Atkinson

Jackie lauds winners athletics, academics

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, congratulated four Niagara students for winning $300 athletic scholarships each at a press conference, last Friday morning.

The winners were: Leah Kulas, 19, of Wingham for volleyball and badminton; Rene Laniox, of Hearst, for volleyball; Sharon Grenier, 21, of Welland, for volleyball; and Mike Martineau, 24, of Welland, for hockey.

All have maintained academic averages of more than 80 per cent. Rene and Mike are students in construction engineering technology, Sharon studies business accounting, and Leah is in the law and security program.

Miss Robarts commended the award winners' academic achievements and athletic excellence and commented on the "fine contribution of SAC in donating the scholarships." Comparing full American athletic scholarships and their effects on performance and incentive to limit Canadian award. Miss robarts expressed great "pleasure and pride" in the winners efforts.

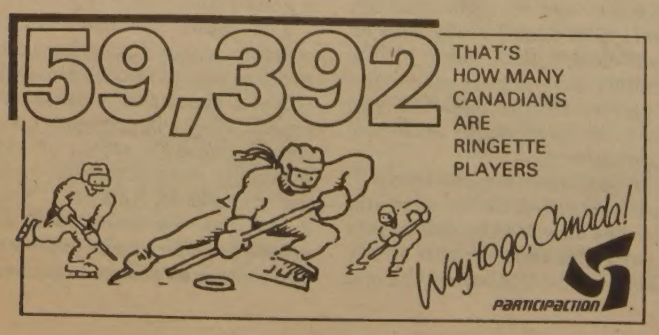
Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, introduced the students and outlined scholarship criteria, a 50 per cent academic assessment. He invited Randy Conlon, SAC president, to present the cheques, "because it's your money."

Randy said he wished the scholarship amount could be more but hoped the students knew they were appreciated by the entire student body for superior performance in school and in sports.

Mr. Rylander ended the conference by urging everyone to continue to play dome hockey in the cafeteria, the cash source of the scholarships.

ICHL hockey standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTs	GF	GA
Niagara College	11	10	1	0	20	81	36
Penn State	14	8	5	1	17	90	59
University of Buffalo	12	8	4	0	16	75	61
Buffalo State	10	6	4	0	12	58	44
Erie Community College	14	6	8	0	12	68	77
Contestoga College	12	4	8	0	8	49	66
University of Rochester	13	0	12	1	1	27	105



V-ball men ready for last test

The Niagara men's volleyball team is back in action this weekend in a tournament at George Brown College in Toronto.

The tournament will be the last test for the Knights as they prepare for Ontario College Athletic Association tier II playoffs next weekend.

"We are in good health and are expecting a good weekend," Ray Sarkis, coach of the Knights, said. "Hopefully as good as our last tournament."

The Knights swept all three of their matches two weekends ago defeating Redeemer College, Canadore College and Cambrian College in the Knights' most successful tournament effort to date.

This weekend, the Knights face St. Lawrence College, Cornwall campus; Algonquin College; St. Lawrence College, Kingston campus;Sir Sandford Fleming College; and the host college.

"St. Lawrence, Kingston, and Sir Sandford Fleming always play us tough," Mr. Sarkis said. "The only weak team is George Brown whom we should beat as long as we don't relax."

Oops

The overtime goal in Niagara Knights' Jan. 28 game against Rochester was scored by James Ward not Blake Sawyer as reported in last week's Niagara News. We regret the error.

Knights knock off UB, solidify hold on first

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

Blake Sawyer's four-point performance led the hockey Knights to a 9-7 victory over the second place University of Buffalo at the Welland arena Saturday night.

Blake Sawyer got what proved to be the winning goal with Niagara short handed when he fought off a check at the blueline and fired the puck home with a UB defenceman draped on his back like a cheap suit. Captain Jim Beattie assisted on the third period goal.

Leading 8-7, Niagara played the last two minutes of the third period short handed to hang on for their third victory in a row over UB.

Rod Estabrook scored an empty net goal with nine seconds left to give Niagara the two-goal victory. Stu Gallardi and Jim Beattie assisted on the insurance goal.

SWARMED KNIGHTS

UB swarmed the Knights end in the final minutes but couldn't get the tieing marker.

Niagara College coach Fred Bassi felt the Knights' ability to score two short-handed goals was the difference in the game.

"The key was our short-handed goals," Mr. Bassi said. "With their powerplay we would have been in trouble."

However, he was unhappy with his team's chippy play. For instance, the Knights killed a five-minute major penalty to Mike Mooradian for head-butting in the last 10 minutes of the game with the penalty to Dan Ruetz for hooking in the dying minutes.

GAVE UP SEVEN

Despite giving up seven goals, Brian Collins made crucial stops down the stretch to preserve the victory and stoned the Herd on two breakaway pad saves in the second period.

The Knights led the game 7-4 after two periods and 3-1 after one.

Trailing 7-5 in the third, UB closed the gap with 3:21 left as the puck ended up in the top corner after a scramble in front of the goal.

BEAT GOALIE

In the second period, Blake Sawyer scored Niagara's seventh goal when he picked up a loose puck in the UB zone and beat the UB goalie like a rented mule. Rod Estabrook and Brian Rome assisted.

Ken Bilodeau scored to give the Knights a 6-3 lead as he and Mike Martineau converted a two-on-one opportunity, and Mike Mooradian accounted for Niagara's fifth and sixth goals. Jim Denardi and Jim Beattie assisting Mooradian's first goal and Denardi and Ken Bilodeau assisting on the second.

The prettiest goal of the night was Niagara's third which came short handed. Eleven seconds from the first period buzzer, Blake Sawyer took the puck from a UB defenceman, gave him the Serge Savard spin-o-rama move and fed Dan Ruetz who converted the pass at the side of the net giving Niagara at 3-1 lead.

QUICK START

The game got off to a quick start as the two teams traded goals in the first minute of the game. James Ward scored for the Knights from Mike Mooradian and Jim Denardi. Rod Estabrook scored the Knights other goal in the period from Dan Ruetz and Blake Sawyer.

KNIGHT MOVES: Mike Mooradian's five-minute head-butting penalty carries an automatic match penalty. Mike will sit out two games because it's his second of the season... the Knights outshot UB 52-42 on the evening... Chris Vandermeer missed the game because he was in Florida...

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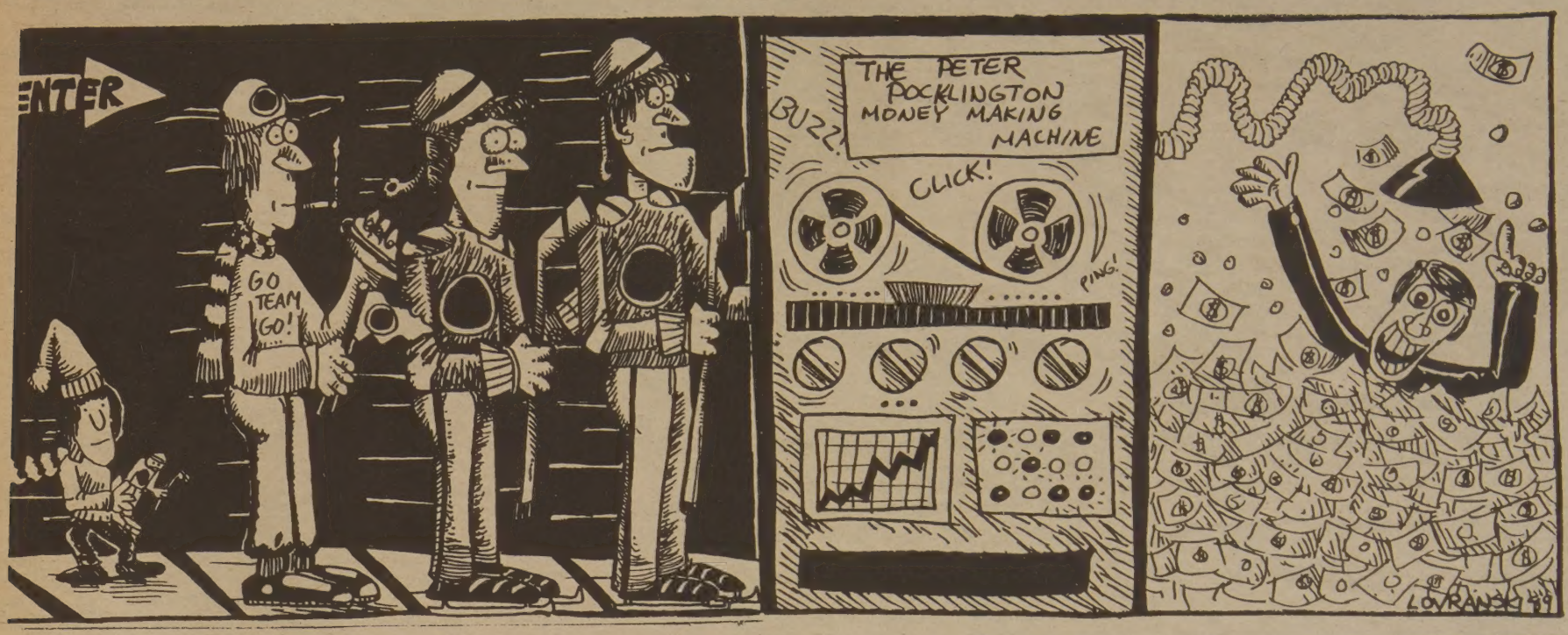

Hockey as a business

Fresh look at owners centres on Pocklington

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

The owner of the Edmonton Oilers is all business and is not consumed by hockey. Peter Pocklington's team provides a source of capital and "the Oilers have become the cash cow for the rest of his businesses," David Mills, professor of Canadian History at the University of Alberta, said.

Dr. Mills was speaking at Brock University on Feb. 2 discussing hockey as a business — The Blue Line and Bottom Line. Dr. Mills is trying to conduct a more analytical approach in studying hockey.

Pop literature tells people about the history of hockey, he said. "Most portrayals of team owners are written as folk heroes. Sports becomes a microcosm of society." Most of the literature is moral instead of factual and fails to convey hockey as a business.

People in Edmonton found hockey was a business when Wayne Gretzky was traded, he said. Pocklington had acquired the rights to Gretzky for $400,000 by beating Nelson Skalbania in a game of backgammon.

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"It was the only significant intervention" into the Oilers, Pocklington made," he said.

"The Oilers in the 70s were a money-loosing team in the World Hockey Association" and were owned by Wild Bill Hunter. "Financial losses approached $3 million by 1976" when he sold 75 per cent of the team to Nelson Skalbania. In 1977, Pocklington bought 40 per cent of the team as part of a long-term strategy to get a National Hockey League franchise.

"Pocklington didn't care for hockey." One of his first acts was to make a "bench-warmer" the coach. In 1979, the team finished first in the World Hockey Association and was invited to join the NHL for an entry fee of $6 million. In the first year, the Oilers sold 14,000 season tickets. "Pocklington made $2 million as compared to $2 million losses in Pittsburgh and Colorado."

Hoping to cash in on "the Oiler effect," Pocklington ran for the leadership of the Progressive Conservatives in 1983. "Pocklington said 'the Oilers are a rising star and I will hitch myself to a star. His political aspirations were "dashed," and his finances began to collapse due to the oil boom slowing, Dr. Mills said.

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Pocklington used the Oilers as collateral to reinvest and bought Gainer's and Palm Dairies. "He has resurrected a new empire on food not real estate."
In fiscal 1986, the Oilers made a profit of $3.2 million on revenues of $17 million. "In order to maximize profits a team has to win." Making the playoffs produced an extra $2.2 million in revenue in 1986. To further increase revenue. Pocklington hopes to "ultimately take the Oilers off local channels and put them on pay television," Dr. Mills said.

For Pocklington, the Gretzky trade was a business transaction and Gretzky ws a diminishing asset. He believed Gretzky was at his peak at age 28 and his skills would begin to erode, and he was no longer able to depreciate Gretzky's contract.

After the trade he re-organized his companies and used the $15 million paid for Gretzky "to pay off interest on $200 million in loans." About the Oilers, Pocklington said, "If I don't get invovled it's a very easy business to run."

Dr. Mills interviewed Pocklington and asked him about interfering with running the Oilers. He answered, "I don't interfere at all. I leave that to my friend, Slats (Glen Sather) He admitted that "when they(the players) try to get over $300,000 or renegotiate, they talk to me.

Teams have to maintain balance between winning and making profits, Dr. Mills said. "Winning teams produce large profits and give owners strong public voices. He (Pocklington) is an important public figure." Pocklington's attitude to owning a hockey team is summed up by his comment that 'Sports is now too much of a business to be a sport.'

ISHM asks SAC for help

The only student branch of the International Hybrid Microelectronic in Canada is at Niagara College, and the branch is asking the Student Administrative Council to "try to receive recognition as a school club." Tekla Hunka, ISHM member, said.

The seven-member group wants SAC to "help us" make a trip to Montreal to attend a microelectronic symposium April 25 to April 30.

"Most of the (micro-electronic) industry is centred around Montreal," Tekla said. "We would like to arrange to tour Spar Aerospace and other Micro-electronic companies," while attending the symposium.

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Ode to women's v-ball; Knights gain split

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

With wrenched ankles and an injury-ridden state,
The women's volleyball Knights held second place,
With a mighty but small team membership of eight.
They fought hard to hold their impressive league standings,
Surprising their coach, who'd been hardly demanding.

They played four teams in Ancaster that day,
Came away two and two after tight games and great play.

The varsity tournament marked the last of regular season
But the eight-member team was there for a reason.
"We're in good position to enter the finals,"
Said Coach Judy Halaiko. Now bring on the rivals!

The first two games of last weekend looked bleak,
The Knights couldn't maintain a winning streak.
"We lost against Lambton, 15-9, 15-10,"
But that didn't faze them; they played better when
They met with Redeemer...close scores, but no cigar.

"When you play a match like that, it doesn't feel like you've lost," Miss Halaiko said, aware of the cost.
They had to beat Cambrian and soundly they did,
It was a fight to the finish, no place for a kid.

The Knights' serving was down, almost 70 per cent,
But they had the right stuff to tell what they meant.
Against Canadore, in the last match of the day,
Niagara's blue and white walked away with last say.

February 17/18 is the team season finale,
A team with potential in championship rally.
They'll meet stiff competition in Hamilton then,
The mighty Knights may be few, but they're women who can really kick butt.

Scores from Feb. 3, 4 tournament:
Niagara Knights vs. Lambton Lions, Sarnia, 9-15, 10-15.
vs. Redeemer Royals, Ancaster 15-17, 15-13, 15-17.
vs. Cambrian, Sudbury 15-10, 12-15, 15-11.
vs. Canadore Kittens, North Bay 15-9, 15-11.

NIAGARA COLLEGE KNIGHTS

Have a good Knight,

go to a Niagara Game

Cecil Grystra, custodian at the college, and Molly, fox terrier, are students at the college in classes on Saturdays through Continuing Education. Dolly, a nine-month-old giant schnauzer, reviews the day's session as she sits waiting for her ride home after school with Mr. and Mrs. Randall of St. Catharines. For about 90 minutes, training is divided between theory in the classroom and practical lessons outdoors, in the 10 week program taught by Wilf Hill.
Photo by Gail Atkinson

Obedience school

Students bark for marks

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

Barking, whining and restlessness are common in classrooms — especially if the class is held Saturday morning. As much as the canine members of this class tried, they really had to yank at their owner's chokes to keep them attentive.

A dozen or so dogs and their handlers attended their obedience training class last Saturday morning in B-5 Mackenzie after an outdoor session over obstacles and around a precision course of pylons in the adjacent parking lot.

Patience is required by both dog and owner in lessons designed to teach both. The dogs are generally less than a year old and can be as excited and eager as their owners, who are considerably older.

It was the third Saturday class for Cecil Grypstra, custodian at Niagara College, and the second for Molly, his 10-month-old fox terrier. "Right now Molly will get some special tutoring. She's doing everything she's not supposed to do," Mr. Grypstra laughed. "But, Angela has come a long way with her dog. She's done a lot of practising, I can see that."

He was referring to Angela North, teaching master in law and security, and her dog Soda, a six-month-old highland terrier, who the week before had growled and misbehaved and almost bitten Ms. North. He commented on the remarkable progress made by that pair and all the teams in the few short weeks.

Frank Cutler and his boxer, Sandy, took the training last winter. "When he's in training he's good, but don't you try to get into that truck when he's in there!" Mr. Cutler spoke highly of dog school, describing a previous dog, Boots, whom he could take out into traffic and tell him to stay, and he wouldn't move."

Wilf Hill has taught the program for owners and their dogs for two years through Continuing Education at Niagara, as a hobby to his full time business, Tail Wagging Depot, on East Main in Welland.

Dogs are not allowed to attend the first class in the 10-week program — handlers only. "The program is not so much to train dogs, but to teach owners what they have and to train the owners to train their dogs. I wish I could take credit for saying there isn't a dog that can't be trained, just a handler. That really sums it all up."

Paris readies for new executive challenge

Sometimes after 14 years , no matter what the emotional connection, it is time to move on.

This is what Candace Paris said. She was the manager of Continuing Education Services, and a vibrant part of the college's administration.

"I will really miss the people and being part of the team," Candace said. "I told them first because I wanted them to hear it from me."

She is moving to new challenges as the executive director at the Niagara Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines.

AMBITIOUS PERSON

"Well, there are some people who would describe me as an ambitious person," she said. "I have always been going to school. My kids laugh at me. Instead of going off to work, I always seem to be going off to school."

A registered nurse who graduated from St. Michael's Nursing College in Toronto, she received an MBA from the University of Buffalo.

She looks forward to her new job and the chance to get back into the health care field at the rehab centre which specializes in speech pathology, audiology, and social rehabilitation.

"I am coming on board at a good time," she said, because the rehab centre is starting a major expansion project which will include a new building.

"It's going to be a fun challenge. I have never built anything larger than a house."

Sometimes the simplest things can be the most cherished memories. Of her Niagara College memories, one of Candace's most treasured is a small ceramic frog that sits in her office. It was a gift from a health science prep class she taught.

"They decided to give me something I couldn't dissect."

On leaving the college, she said she will "try to touch base with as many friends and colleagues as possible" and will take some special memories.

"That will be tough. But onward!

Chem club out with bang

The Chemistry Club has applied to the Student Administrative Council for a special one-time grant so it can hold a reunion/dinner dance for former graduates of the soon-to-be-cancelled program.

The chemical engineering technology program was cancelled last year in budget cutbacks at the college.

"We want to go out with a bang," club president Rick Robert said at Monday's SAC meeting.

Rick said he would like to hear from SAC so the club could start organizing.

Use imagination, 'name that centre'

The college's new Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre is in need of a new and imaginative name, and the Board of Governors has suggested a contest to find it. A bright imagination could land the top three entries free dinner at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls.

Director of Marketing and Information Services Foster Zanutto said the name should be reflective of what is offered at the centre and be of historical significance. He said the interim name (Tourism/Hospitality Training Centre) is "unworkable and unimaginative."

The contest, which closes Feb. 28, is open to students and staff only. The winning entries will be determined by the President's Operating Committee and submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board reserves the right to not award a final winner, but the prizes will, however, be granted to the three finalists in any case.

The contest will be publicized through the Niagara News only, Mr. Zanutto said. "If you don't read The News, you won't be knowledgable."

Entry forms may be dropped off at the Marketing and Information Services Office, second level of the Learning Resource Centre (Library), at the Welland campus.

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